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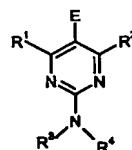
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(57) **Abstract:** A process for the preparation of a compound of Formula (1) and intermediates useful therein are provided. The process comprises reacting a compound of formula R<sup>1</sup>-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-E with a compound of formula R<sup>2</sup>-CHX<sup>1</sup>X<sup>2</sup> in the presence of a compound of formula R<sup>3</sup>R<sup>4</sup>N-C(=NH)NH<sub>2</sub> and a catalyst, thereby to form a dihydropyrimidine; and oxidising the dihydropyrimidine to form the compound of Formula (1). R<sup>1</sup> is H or an alkyl group; R<sup>2</sup> is H, an alkyl or aryl group; R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are each independently H, alkyl or aryl, or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are linked to form, together with the nitrogen to which they are attached to form a 5 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring; E is H, an unsubstituted alkyl group, an aryl group or an electron withdrawing group; and X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> are each independently leaving groups, or X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> together represent =O.